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5 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : PSB Panels

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2. Middle East (D-22): The approved version of this plan has been received, but since [ ] has not received a copy of it she has not started action. She expects that support plans will be drawn to supplement it. [ ] commented that she believes PSB plans would be more useful if they covered one country or topic instead of an extensive area.

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3. Southeast Asia (D-23): [ ], at a recent PSB staff meeting, said that this plan is being reconsidered with a view to altering it into a staff study, breaking it into countries, or abandoning it. After consultation with [ ], I informed him that we would not like to see the plan but think it could be broken down into individual country plans.

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4. Contingency Plan for the Death of Stalin (D-24): Following the announcement of Stalin's stroke on 4 March 1953, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Wisner were briefed by a combination of [ ]

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[ ] Mr. Wisner told [ ] that he wished to have [ ] team, or any other group [ ] felt advisable, prepare immediately a method of operation to exploit the situation. He asked me to inform [ ] of the PSB that he considered it to be a good idea to reconvene the D-24 panel and put it to work thinking up ideas for operations. I informed [ ] of Mr. Wisner's thoughts immediately preceding the PSB staff meeting on 4 March.

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5. East-West Trade (D-28): [ ] again asked the Representatives at the 4 March staff meeting if all were in favor of dropping this plan. General Roberts, for MSA, would like to consider the plan before giving his opinion. I told [ ] that CIA had no objection to dropping it.

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25X1A 6. Doctrinal Warfare (D-33): [ ] contacted [ ]  
25X1A who reported no progress since a memorandum to Mr. [ ], a copy of which  
25X1A is attached. *filed*.

25X1A 7. A Strategic Concept for a National Psychological Program (D-31):  
25X1A [ ] informs me that following publication of this document  
on 26 November 1952, Mr. [ ] under date of 9 December, wrote  
to DCI stating that, in view of the work to be done by the [ ] Com-  
25X1A mittee it would be a good idea to hold up the work required by D-31  
until after the [ ] Committee gives its report. The present Director  
(then DDCI) indicated his approval of Mr. [ ] proposal, but it  
25X1A is not certain who, if anyone, in the PSB or DD/P Staff was advised of  
this decision. [ ] is in the process of drafting a letter  
for DD/P's signature addressed to the Director asking that the record  
be made clear and that the Director sign a letter to the PSB informing  
it that CIA wishes to delay action until the [ ] Committee reports.

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